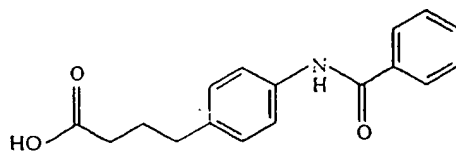


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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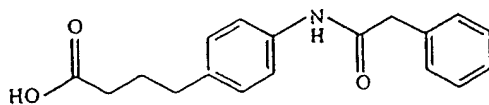
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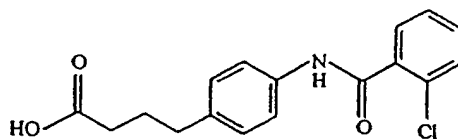
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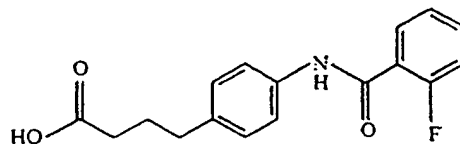
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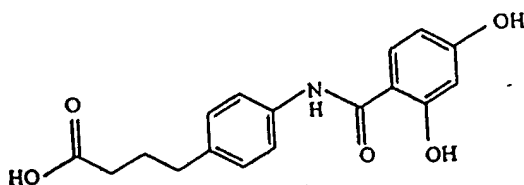
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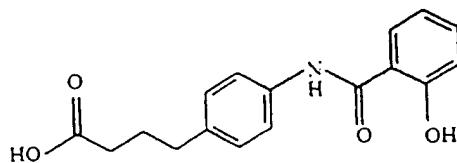
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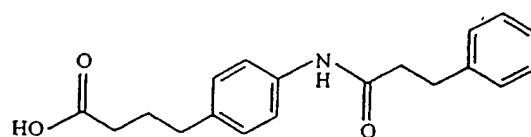
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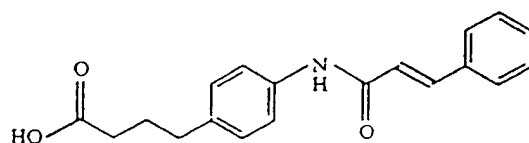
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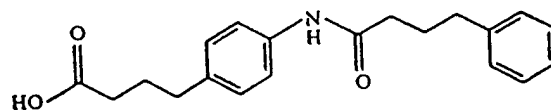
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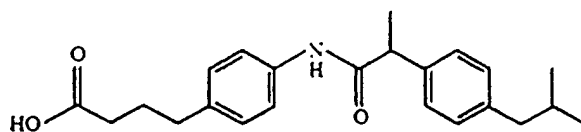
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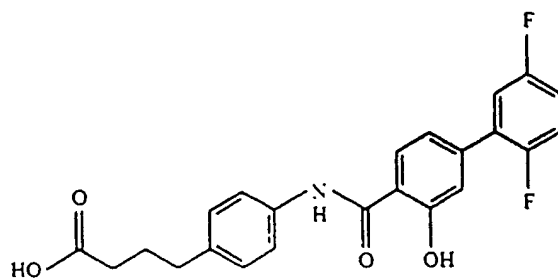
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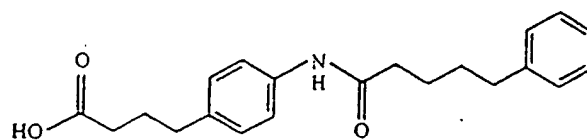
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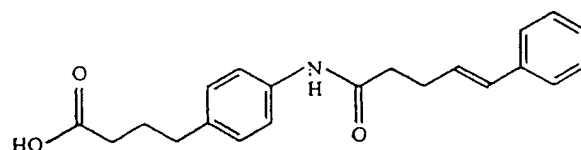
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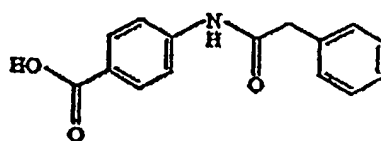
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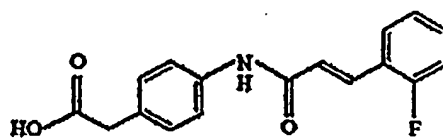
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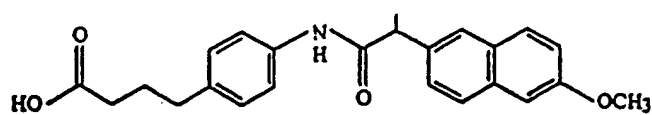


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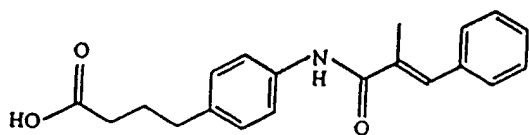
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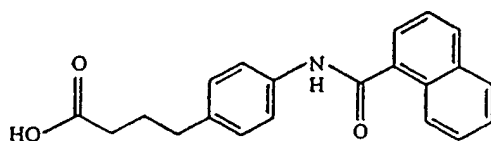
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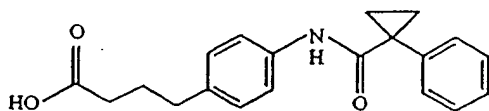
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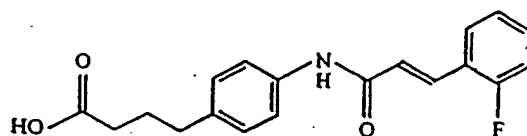
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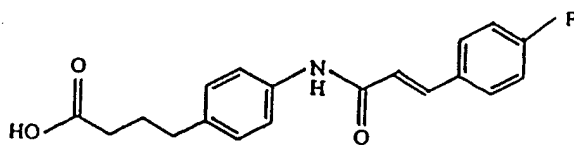
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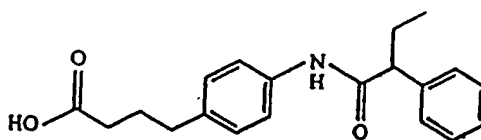
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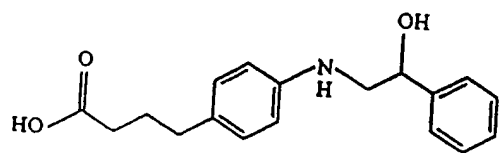


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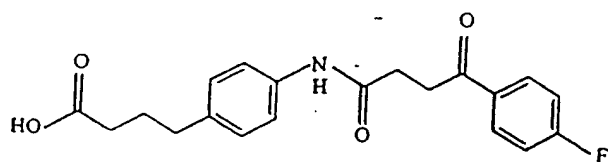


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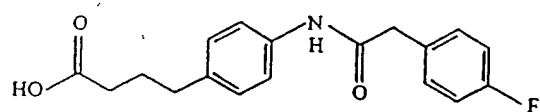
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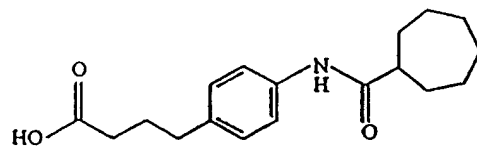
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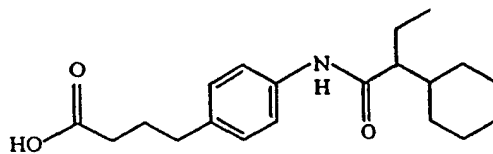
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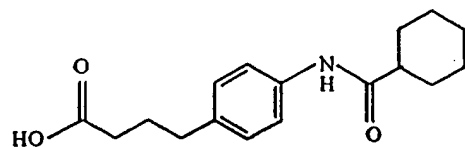
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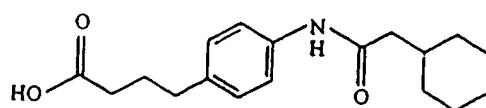
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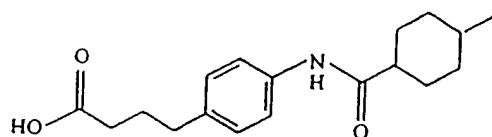
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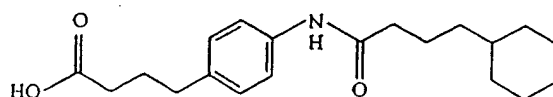
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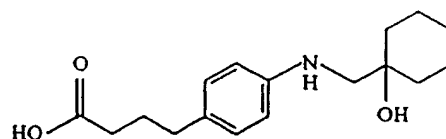
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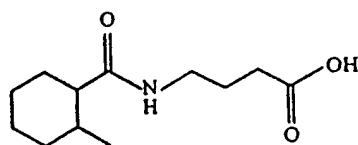
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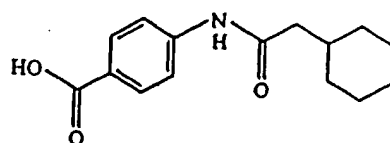
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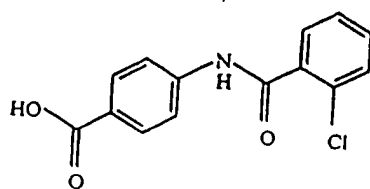
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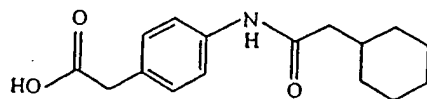
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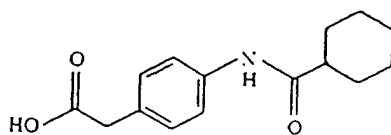
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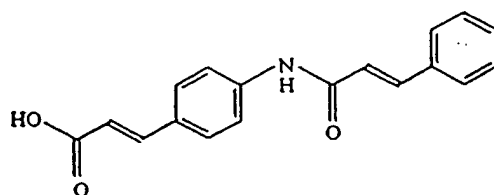
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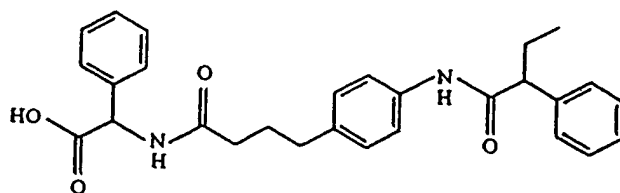
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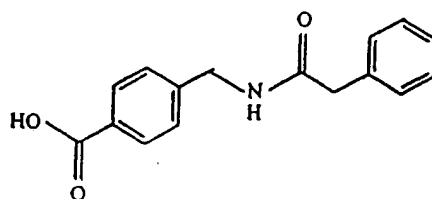
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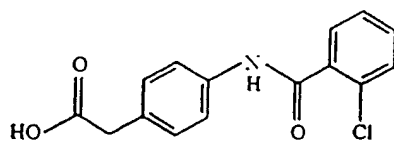
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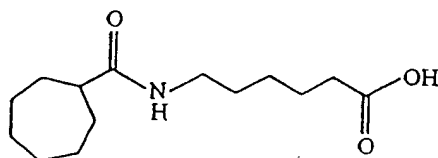
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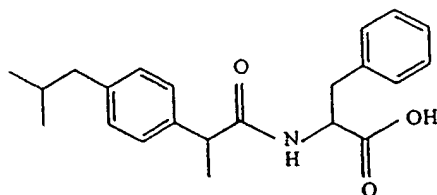
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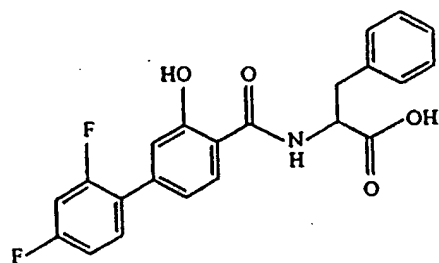
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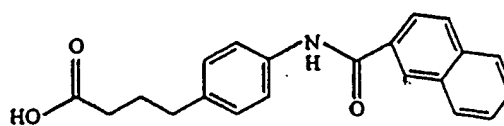
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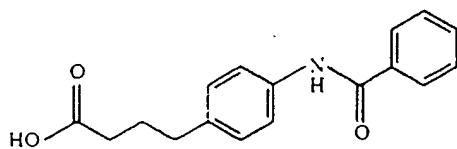
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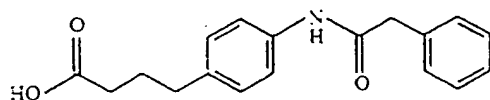
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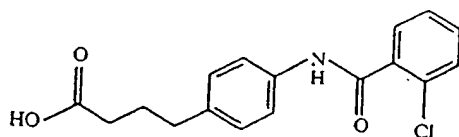
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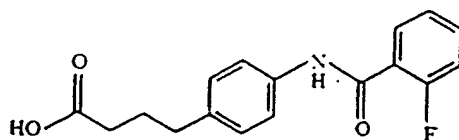
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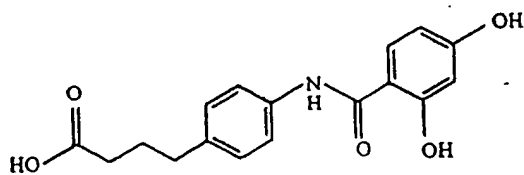
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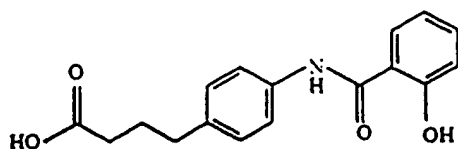
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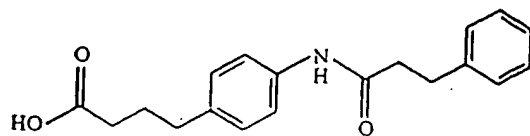
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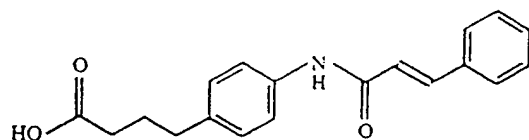
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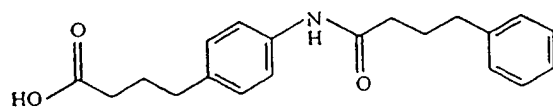
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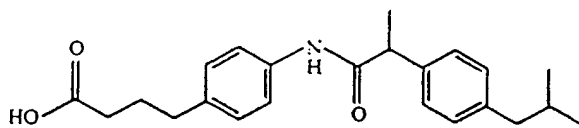
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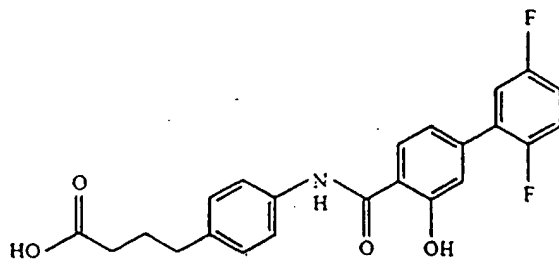
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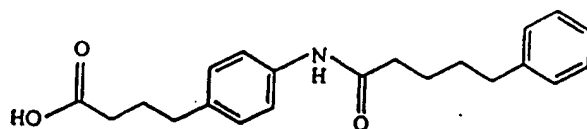
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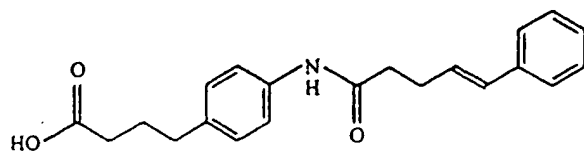
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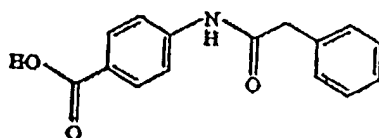
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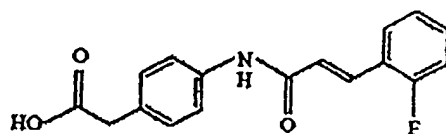
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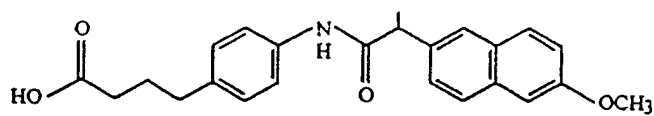
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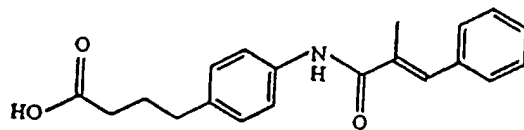
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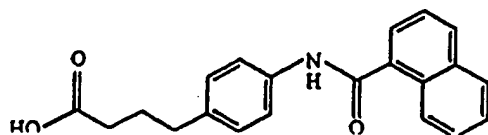
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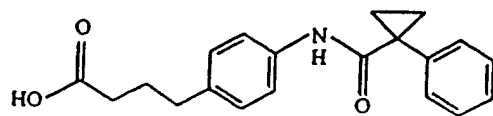
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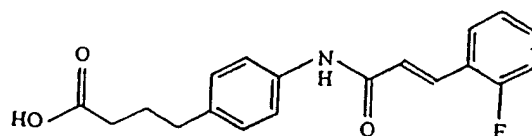
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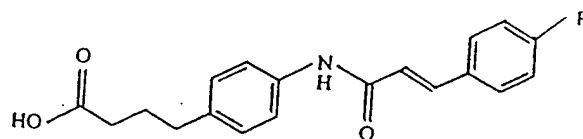
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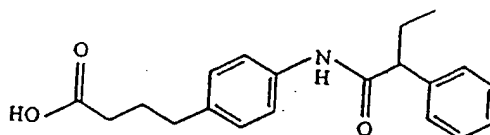
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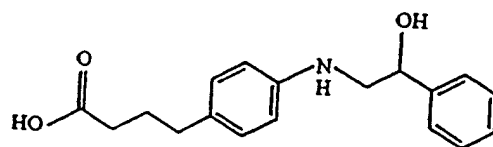
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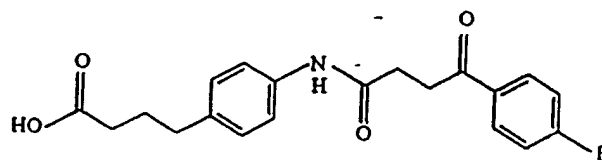
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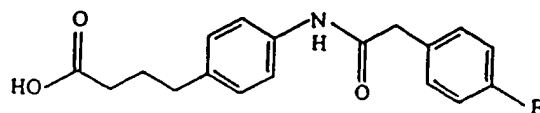
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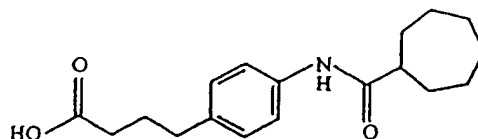
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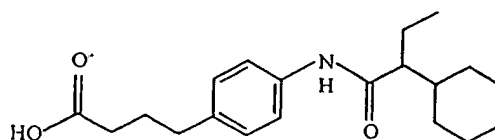
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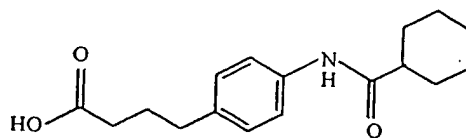
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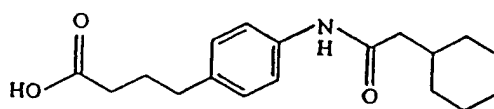
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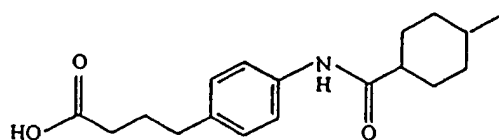
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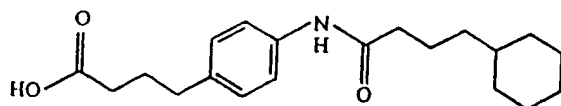
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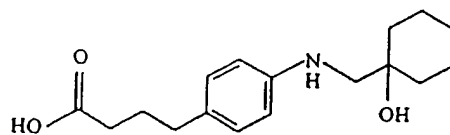
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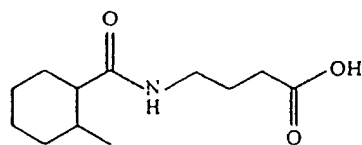
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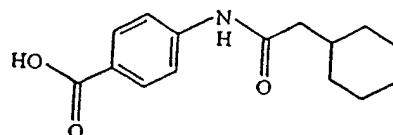
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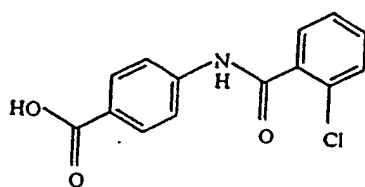
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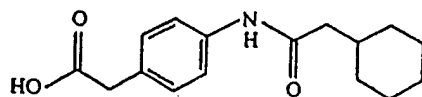
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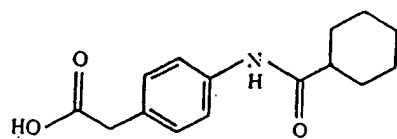
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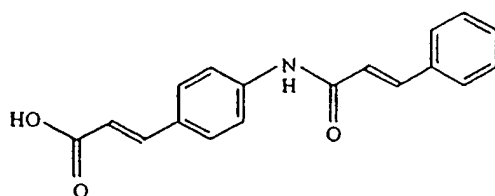
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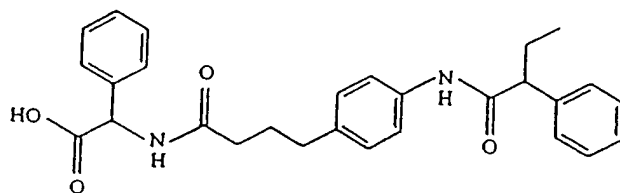
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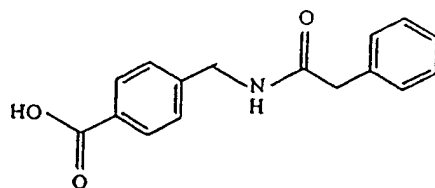
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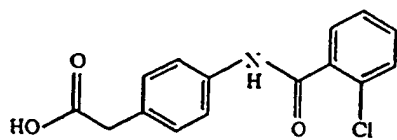
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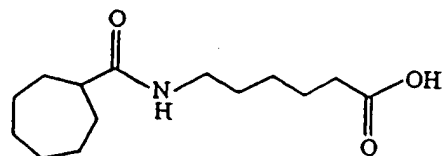
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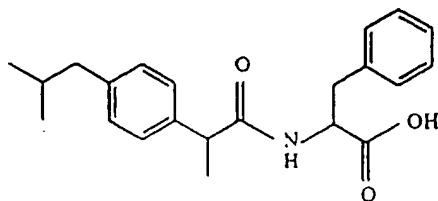
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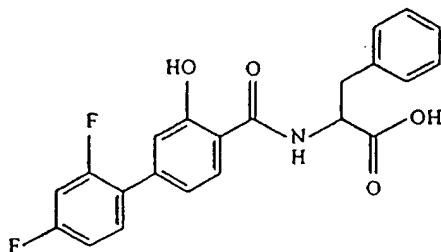
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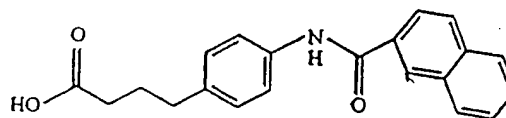
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1 3. (Original) A poly amino acid as defined in claim 2, comprising a peptide.

1 4. (Original) A composition comprising

2 a. an active agent; and

3 b. a compound as defined in claim 1.

1 5. (Original) A composition comprising

2 a. an active agent; and

3 b. a poly amino acid as defined in claim 2.

1 6. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 5, wherein said poly amino
2 acid comprises a peptide.

1 7. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 4, wherein said active agent
2 comprises a biologically active agent.

1 8. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 7, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a mucopoly-
3 saccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, or any combination thereof.

1 9. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 8, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone,
3 bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon,
4 interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial naturetic factor, an
5 antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin
6 releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin,
7 desferrioxamine (DFO), or any combination thereof.

1 10. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 5, wherein said active agent
2 comprises a biologically active agent.

1 11. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 10, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a mucopoly-
3 saccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, or any combination thereof.

1 12. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 11, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone,
3 bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon,
4 interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial naturetic factor, an
5 antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin
6 releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin,
7 desferrioxamine (DFO), or any combination thereof.

1 13. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 6, wherein said active agent
2 comprises a biologically active agent.

1 14. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 13, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a mucopoly-
3 saccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, or any combination thereof.

1 15. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 14, wherein said biologically-
2 active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormone,
3 bovine growth hormone, growth hormone-releasing hormone, an interferon,
4 interleukin-II, insulin, heparin, calcitonin, erythropoietin, atrial naturetic factor, an
5 antigen, a monoclonal antibody, somatostatin, adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin
6 releasing hormone, oxytocin, vasopressin, cromolyn sodium, vancomycin,
7 desferrioxamine (DFO), or any combination thereof.

1 16. (Original) A dosage unit form comprising
2 (A) a composition according to claim 4; and
3 (B) (a) an excipient,
4 (b) a diluent,
5 (c) a disintegrant,
6 (d) a lubricant,
7 (e) a plasticizer,
8 (f) a colorant,
9 (g) a dosing vehicle, or
10 (h) any combination thereof.

1 17. (Original) A dosage unit form according to claim 16, comprising a tablet,
2 a capsule, or a liquid.

1 18. (Original) A dosage unit form comprising

- 2 (A) a composition according to claim 5; and
3 (B) (a) an excipient,
4 (b) a diluent,
5 (c) a disintegrant,
6 (d) a lubricant,
7 (e) a plasticizer,
8 (f) a colorant,
9 (g) a dosing vehicle, or
10 (h) any combination thereof.

1 19. (Original) A dosage unit form according to claim 18, comprising a tablet,
2 a capsule, or a liquid.

- 1 20. (Original) A dosage unit form comprising
2 (A) a composition according to claim 6; and
3 (B) (a) an excipient,
4 (b) a diluent,
5 (c) a disintegrant,
6 (d) a lubricant,
7 (e) a plasticizer,
8 (f) a colorant,
9 (g) a dosing vehicle, or
10 (h) any combination thereof.

Claims 21-27 cancelled